



St Mary's News

"One Church Worshipping in Different ways"

Welcome to the St Mary's Church family
We are a diverse Church community meeting in and for our village

11th December 2016

Worship Today

Sunday 11th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

10:30am

Carols in the Village Hall

Isaiah 35.1-10

Matthew 11.2-11

No @11 Service

6pm Christingle Service at St Mary's

In the coming weeks

Sunday 18th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10:00am Joint Service

With Methodist

At St Mary's church

Isaiah 7.10-16

Matthew 1.18-25

11am St Mary's @11

Luke 1-2 – He's here

6pm Joint Carol Service in the Methodist Church

Saturday 24th December

4pm Messy Crib Service

Gather the sheep @ St Mary's

11pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 25th December

8am BCP Holy Communion

10:00am Joint Service with

@11

Luke 2.1-20

Sunday 1st January

8am BCP Holy Communion

Stewart Timbrell

10:00am Joint Service

With @11

Matthew 2.13-23

Advent Reflection

I will be hosting a study group during Advent, meeting at 7-9pm each **Wednesday of Advent** - Nov 30th, Dec 7th, Dec 14th, Dec 21st. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us. *Stephen*

Churches Together Carols in the Village Hall

11th December 10:30am in the Village Hall

Gather with the Churches Together in Lytchett Matravers for our Community Carol Service – an All-Age service to which all are welcome. Stay afterwards for a drink and some festive finger foods.

Christingle Service

Come to St Marys on Sunday 11th December at 6pm

Christingle is a celebratory event that takes place in thousands of churches and schools across the country, raising funds that help **The Children's Society** continue their work supporting young people.

Christingle means 'Christ Light' and is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the 'Light of the World'.

The history of the Christingle can be traced back to John de Watteville who started the tradition in Germany in 1747. At that time it was just a ribbon wrapped around a candle.

In 1968, John Pensom was raising funds for the Children's Society and popularized the tradition to support the Charity.

The Children's society is a national charity that runs local projects helping children and young people because it is a painful fact that many children and young people in Britain are still suffering extreme hardship, abuse and neglect.

In our Christingle service, you will make your own Christingle and think about the children who so desperately need our support.

Anne Brown

News Sheet

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Prayer Focus

- Praise God for fabulous turn out and money raised at The Festival of Christmas Trees

Please pray for:

- Meryl and Alan
- Graham Stansfield having surgery this week

Coat hanger Tree

At our Festival of Christmas Trees we had a very creative tree made out of coat hangers by Ann Manning. She set a competition to guess the number of coat hangers used and the results are in!

We had 2 winners for the number of coat hangers, **160** was the amount. One guessed 157 and the other was 163 and they will both receive a small gift. Numbers ranged from 48 to 500!

Ann Manning

Loft Light

A small request for people to ensure that they don't turn on the loft light at the church by mistake. It turns on a light in the cupboard in the upstairs room and as it can't be seen it probably blazes away for days. The switch is by the back door and is clearly labelled as **LOFT**. Also the top two middle light switches turn the floodlights on over the north and south doors and they are not required during daylight hours.

Phil Baker and Annie

Festival of Christmas Trees

There was certainly sparkle and excitement at our Festival.

There were over 300 visitors. There were many memorable conversations, from 'older' people meeting and reliving times past in the church, to newer visitors from various distances commenting on the 'warmth' of the atmosphere, which was not just about the heating! **St Mary's** certainly was '**on the Christmas map!**'

There are always many people to thank at these events. The fundraising team work to put the whole thing together. The creative and 'technical' side of the team work hard to create the event. But without everyone else this would be in vain.

We had many wonderful items donated for sale from a flurry of snowmen to delectable treats, jars and bakes, and of course a special supply of reindeer food that children appreciate!

Our sponsors from the whole community just put the last star on the tree.

Thank you all so much. The event was a community event! Enjoyed by so many generous people who raised over £1,300 for our church.

With Seasonal thoughts, good wishes and thanks from

The Fundraising Team